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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent 99% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

- **HB 6916                      An Act Expanding Remedies And Potential Liability For Unreasonably Contested or Delayed Workers' Compensation Claims**

CCM **opposes** this bill.

This bill will likely result in increased litigation, increased fiscal and administrative costs associated with processing a claim in the Workers' Compensation system, and unnecessary delays in the process.

This bill fundamentally changes how the workers compensation system would work and would increase the costs of the system dramatically. It would also seemingly transfer the burden of proof onto the employer rather than maintaining the current "no-fault" system.

The current fiscal uncertainties surrounding the State budget and the potential negative fiscal impact municipalities may incur would be exacerbated by this proposal.

CCM urges the Committee to **take no action on HB 6916**.

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